MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The Transport Department is conducted on a commercial basis without advertence to the rules in respect of recruitments to the Public Service and the question of appointments according to communities does not therefore arise.

Appointments in the State Transport Department.

48. * MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, according to caste, of the appointments till now made in the State Transport Service Department?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The Transport Department is conducted on a commercial basis without advertence to the Rules in respect of recruitment to the Public Service, and the question of appointments according to communities does not therefore arise.

MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: Are the Government aware that the Transport Superintendent on the pretext of efficiency has shown partiality in recruiting officers for his department?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The Government have placed absolute reliance on the Transport Superintendent Mr. Salter with respect to recruitment in his department. He is a European Gentleman and Government trust that communal proclivities and prejudices would not influence him in recruiting officers for his department.

MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: Have Government ascertained as a matter of fact that partiality has been shown by the Superintendent of Transport in the matter of selecting unrepresented communities?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: If proofs are produced before Government that partiality has been playing a prominent part in the matter of recruitment, Government would certainly be only too ready to conduct the necessary investigation and punish the persons responsible for having shown such partiality.

MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: Have Government ascertained partiality has been shown by the Superintendent of Transport by calling for a list of appointments made by him in the department?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: We have got a list of persons appointed by him and the Government have already perused that list. No interference with the discretion vested in Mr. Salter is called for.

MR JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: Have Government any objection in placing the list of appointments made by him for the information of the House?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The Government are not at all relevant to place the matter before the House. I have only to inform the House that the time and labour involved in preparing that statement is quite out of proportion to the public need.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ടാൻ സ്പോർട്ട് സൂപ്രണ്ട് പക്ഷപാതമായി നിയമനം നടത്തുന്നു എന്ന് വല്ല പരാതിയും ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government have not so far received any complaint about any appointment made by the Transport Superintendent.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Is it not possible for the member to infer from the series of questions asked on the floor of the House that there is an indication of some such complaint against the Transport Superintendent?

PRESIDENT: Does the honourable member say that another honourable member's question is indicative of that opinion?

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: No, Sir. I was just drawing the attention of the Government member that from the questions asked by the non-official members whether it could not be inferred that there is something wrong in the appointments done by the Transport Superintendent?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: When these questions were received by Government, they only appreciated them in the light of the anxiety entertained by non-officials in regard to communal classification. That matter, Government are familiar enough and I may say that appointments by Government are given on communal considerations, consistent with efficiency wherever possible.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: If there are 200 employees in a particular office, is it difficult for Government to arrange those employees on communal basis?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: There is absolutely no difficulty in regard to that. At the present moment Government thought that the time and labour spent in the preparation of those statistics, were out of proportion to its public utility.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Were not the claims of the disbanded men of other Companies considered by Mr. Salter in filling up vacancies?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The Transport Superintendent did pay attention and as a matter of fact he recruited some of the persons thrown out from the personal service of other companies.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: നിയമനവിഷയത്തിൽ അനീതി യുണ്ടോ എന്ന് ലിസ്റ്റ് കാണാതിരുന്നാൽ എങ്ങിനെ അറിയും?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: I do not at all believe that from the list the inference could be drawn that there has been an injustice or unfairness in recruiting officers for the Transport department. But, as I said Government are not reluctant to place the list on the table.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: ആ ലിസ്റ്റിനെ പ്രസ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നതിന് മേലുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: It will be considered.

Statement, by communities of persons employed in the State Transport Department.

49. * MR. P. K. KUNJU: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by communities of all the persons employed in

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